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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
**MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**  
MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND

JEFF BARNES  
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES**

Lansing Central MVTF Office  
Lansing, Michigan

December 1, 2015  
10:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

***Board of Trustees and Staff***

Chairman John E. James, present  
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, present  
Trustee Robert Williams, present  
Trustee Barry Wood, present  
Trustee Shawn Wilson, present  
Trustee Brandi McBride, present  
Edwin Fore, excused

Lindell Holm, *Director*  
Dawn Bollis, *Dept. Analysis*  
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*  
Erik Napieralski, *Dept. Tech, absent*  
Tom Diaz, *Dept. Tech*

Chairman John James called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance**

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

**Introduction of Guests**

Kent Dell, Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency  
Paul McIvor, VFW State Commander

**Public Comments**

Mr. Dell attended to learn more about the Trust Fund for the information needed for the Budget Committee.

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Williams/McBride) to approve the Public Minutes, of November 3, 2015, passed and carried.

### **Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration**

**There were no personal hearings conducted at the December 1, 2015 emergent need work session. A total of 20 appeals and reviews were considered.**

**Case A-1 (Genesee County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$7,473.01; for a new well (\$5,530.00) and mortgage (\$1,943.01). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities and the situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-2 (Wayne County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,028.62; for auto/personal property/renter's insurance (\$520.74) and an auto payment (\$507.88). After reviewing your request it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities and the situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RM-3 (Clinton County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for hearing aids (\$2,300.00). The request is denied because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

**Case RH-4 (Manistee County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,123.12 for 2012 and 2013 property taxes. Per Board Policy #109 a grant is not approved because emergency grant assistance for property taxes has been previously provided to the applicant.

**Case RH-5 (Schoolcraft County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$2,535.00). Per Board Policy #103 defines legal residence for the purpose of the Board of Trustees. A veteran must apply in the county where the veteran has established residency.

**Case A-6 (Oakland County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$963.64; for rent (\$895.00), electric (\$26.26) and heat (\$42.38). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RH-7 (Chippewa County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new well and water pump (\$7,500.00). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income and the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RH-8 (Monroe County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new well (\$5,268.00). A review of your request has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

**Case A-9 (Oakland County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a furnace (\$5,950.00). A review of your request has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

**Case A-10 (Wayne County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for DTE heat and electric (\$4,537.24). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income and the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RR-11 (Kalamazoo County)**

**APPROVED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application authorizing no more than \$1,867.14 for lot rent.

**Case A-12 (Ingham County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for auto purchase (\$5,867.84). After reviewing your request it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities and the situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RH-13 (Clare County)**

**WITHDRAWN**

**Case RH-14 (Tuscola County)**

**PARTIAL**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application authorizing no more than \$1,600.00 for a new septic field and system. The remaining \$5,000.00 will be paid by MiVHAP.

**Case A-15 (Oakland County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for auto repairs (\$4,669.40). Review of your request has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-16 (Leelanau County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,272.64; for two months rent (\$1,640.00), two auto payments (\$729.50), two months auto/renter's insurance (\$382.26), 2 months internet service (\$95.88) and electric (\$125.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RH-17 (St. Clair County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$2,595.00). A review of your request has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case RO-18 (St. Clair County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for electric (\$2,140.98). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case RO-19 (Huron County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,798.80; for auto repair (\$3,200.00) and new tires (\$598.80). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities and his situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case A-20 (Wayne Traverse County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$4,287.91; for rent (\$1,097.00), auto payments (\$1,894.54), auto insurance (\$619.14) and DTE heat and electric (\$677.23). A review of your request has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

A MOTION (Kosal/Wood) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials that were made in the closed session, passed and carried.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was **2/20** for **\$3,467.14**. Approved **0/9** Appeals for **(\$0.00)**, **1/7** Review/Housing for **(\$1,600.00)**, **0/1** Review/Medical for **(\$0.00)**, **0/0** Review/Conflict of Interest for **(\$0.00)**, **1/1** Review/Repetitive for **(\$1,867.14.)** and **0/2** Review/Other for **(\$0.00)**.

**Accounting Report**

A MOTION (Kosal/Wood) to accept the revised 115 Statement passed and carried.

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

**County & District Committees--Committee Appointments**

A MOTION (Wilson/Kosal) to accept the following appointment and re-appointment passed and carried.

The American Legion recommends the following **reappointment:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Michael Burke	Bay	12-31-2018
Arthur Melendez	Benzie	12-31-2018
William Miller	Berrien	12-31-2018
Thomas Lightbody	Calhoun	12-31-2018
David Spencer	Chippewa	12-31-2018
Michael Bruntjens	Delta	12-31-2017
Robert Morrell	Dickinson	12-31-2018
Gene LaRochelle	Houghton-Keweenaw	12-31-2018
Robert Roy	Kalamazoo	12-31-2018
Gerald Dennis	Kent	12-31-2016
Jack Sousley	Mecosta	12-31-2018
Terry Montgomery	Oakland	12-31-2018
Larry Boyce	Ogemaw	12-31-2017
Noel Meyers	Shiawassee	12-31-2018

The American Legion recommends the following **new appointment:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Greg Spight	Wayne – Independent	12-31-2018

The AMVETS recommends the following **reappointment:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Edward Mandell	Macomb	12-31-2017
Herbert Tacktor, Jr.	Mason	12-31-2018
George Maroney	Tuscola	12-31-2018
Steve Birdwell	Wexford	12-31-2018

The DAV recommends the following **new appointments:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Terry Whitesall	Jackson	12-31-2018
Robert Reynolds	Kalamazoo	12-31-2017
Robert Alpeter	Oakland	12-31-2018
Wayne Deverney	Midland	12-31-2018

The DAV recommends the following **reappointment:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Joseph Paquette	Alger	12-31-2018
Thomas DeCarlo	Gogebic	12-31-2017
Henry Karnes	Mecosta	12-31-2018

The VFW recommends the following **new appointments:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Dale Dufour	Schoolcraft	12-31-2017

The VFW recommends the following **reappointments:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
James Daly	Arenac	12-31-2018
Glen Openneer	Berrien	12-31-2018
Rohnalda Hollon	Gladwin	12-31-2018
Edward Davidson	Gratiot	12-31-2018
Raymond Jandron	Marquette	12-31-2018
William Thomas	St. Joseph	12-31-2018
Ronald Martin	Mason	12-31-2016

Recommendation of the following **Independent reappointment:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Gene Eby	Antrim	12-31-2018
Maurice DeLisle	Livingston	12-31-2018
Dennis Eldred	Missaukee	12-31-2017

Recommendation of the **new Independent appointment:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County (IND)</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Daniel Stice	Berrien - <b>NO WAR TIME</b>	<b>DENIED</b>
Joe Hale	Missaukee	12-31-2018

The Military Order of the Purple Heart recommends the following **reappointment:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Claude Huff	Otsego	12-31-2018

#### **Unfinished Business**

The Board of Trustees confirmed the dates for the 2016 board meetings

Director Holm informed the Board that he has not heard from Rep. Jenkins regarding the information that was delivered to her office.

#### **New Business**

The Board of Trustees will hold an election for the Board of Trustee Chairman at the January 5, 2016 meeting.

#### **MVTF Board Activities**

None

#### **MVTF Staff Activities**

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be attending a meeting with the Gross Pointe Memorial Veteran's Foundation Task Force again this month.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he did represent the Trust Fund and the MVAA at the National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he attended the Veterans Appreciation Dinner at the VFW in Sheridan (Montcalm County) on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he did accept a donation from the Forgotten Eagles (in the amount of \$5,541.00) in Saginaw on Sunday, November 8, 2015.

**Good of the Order**

Director Holm read a letter he received thanking the Board of Trustees for the assistance they granted at their November board meeting.

**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 pm

*Approved:*

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*John James, Chairman*

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*Date*